METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT NUMBER 1 ON BOB HOPE RD MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136 (305) 545-9400 INVESTIGATION REPORT

M.E. CASE NO. 89-0323 A DATE JAN/30/89

STEWART, KIMBERLY (REMAINS, UNKNOWN)

31 BLACK FEMALE DOB JUL/14/57

570 WEST 24TH STREET, HIALEAH, FLORIDA

PLACE OF DEATH: REAR ALLEY: 445 W. 26 ST., HIALEAH, FLA.
TIME OF DEATH: FOUND 12:01PM JAN/30/89

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: HIALEAH #J 10494 / FLUTIE

INCIDENT LOCATION: REAR ALLEY: 445 W 26 ST., HIALEAH, FLA.

JAN/30/89 AM SCENE M.E. JOYE M. CARTER, M.D.

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DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: JAN 29,1989 OR JAN.30,1989 - TIME: UNKNOWN.

CAUSE OF DEATH: HOMICIDE BY UNSPECIFIED MEANS. AMENDED BY J. H. DAVIS, M. D., CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER 6/19/89-DJM.

P: HOMICIDE DATE AUTOPSY JAN/31/89 BY JOYE M. CARTER, M.D.

Y: POITIER (R)

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MORTUARY: POITIER (R)

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT

CLASSIFICATION OF PENDING CASE

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DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

SCENE INVESTIGATION

DATE:

Jan.30,1989

LOCATION:

445 W. 26 St., Hialeah, Fl.

TIME ARRIVED AT SCENE:

2 p.m.

POLICE AGENCY:

HPD

LEAD INVESTIGATOR: Ofc. Flutie

INITIAL INFORMATION:

The victim's body was observed by a passerby who was walking between 2 factory buildings in Hialeah at the above named address. The passerby notified the police. The police observed the victim to be dead at the scene.

OBSERVATIONS OF SURROUNDINGS:

The scene takes place in a grassy walkway between two brick factory buildings. The victim's body is lying beneath a small bush with red berries.

The surroundings involve many homemade shacks that had been constructed under stairwells and electric housing units. Many used syringes, small clear plastic liquor bottles and bent and burnt soda cans are present around the scene. Multiple items of clothing, shoes, and human excrement are also in the vicinity of the homemade housing unit.

OBSERVATIONS OF VICTIM (S):

The victim is lying on her back beneath a small red berry bush. The victim has a pair of gray jeans that are turned inside out around her chest and a black tank top which has been pulled up around her head and neck. No form of identification is found on the body of the victim. There is no obvious sign of trauma to the body of the victim. A small amount of purge is seen coming from the nose and mouth. Upon examination the victim's body is in full rigor and is cool to the touch. Evidence of insect activity is noted around the back, shoulders, and chest of the victim. Large hyperpigmented irregular scars are seen on the inferior border of both breasts.

SCENE IMPRESSION (INCLUDING PROBABLE CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH):

Unclassified death, probably due to drug overdose.

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METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY Office of the Medical Examiner

Police Case No. J 10494 INVESTIGATION REPORT

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DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT 1050 N.W. 19 St., Miami, FL 33136 (305) 549-7337

CASE INFORMATION

mo. day yr.	time M.E. Case #
TELEPHONE MESSAGE Nº 001990	DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT NUMBER ONE ON BOB HOPE RD. MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136
DATE CALL RECEIVED TIME 9:30	MESSAGE FOR BAH JUC
Higher AREA CODE PHONE 153-5200 RETURN CALL, DATE, TIME	RE: Unknown Black Female 89-0323 Kimberly Stewart
WILL CALL AGAIN, DATE, TIME	

Call returned at 10:35 Am on February, 1889, Det. Theti was not in gon Carter MD

89-323

CASE INFORMATION

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE $\frac{2/8/89}{\text{mo.}}$ day yr.

8:15 Am

85-323 M.E. Case #

Reference: Stewart, X.

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8:30 Am

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1:10 Pm

87 - 32 ME Casa #

Reference: Stewart, kimberly

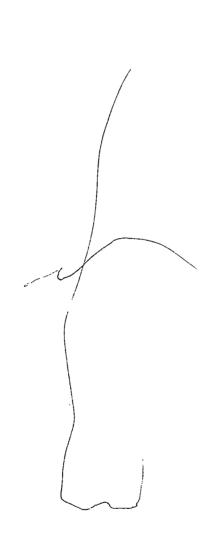
Received Call from
Mr. Wanda Burnett, friend
883-9630 Burnett, Wanda

Her auch, Ms. Francis Cotton (502) 778-3940

Duly family, father and older Son.

Father is an alcoholic, was contected and told of his daughters death but have not made any moves to do anything this about death.

His address is not become, lives in the South wick Housing project, in Jewis title, Kentucky. Jather's name is David Fields.



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CASE INFORMATION

DATE $\frac{2}{\text{mo.}}$ $\frac{6}{\text{day}}$ $\frac{89}{\text{yr.}}$

11:45 AM

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RE: STEWART, KIMBERLY

six (6) months baby.

family (stepfather) had avrived

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE $\frac{3-31-86}{\text{mo.}}$ day y	12:50 fM time	<i>y</i> 9-0323 M.E. Case #
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DEAD. NO KNOWN RELATIVES.

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8:20 Am

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Reference: kim herly, Stewarts

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445 week 26th Street

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MEDICAL EXAMINERS DEPARTMENT 1050 N.W. 19 STREET MIAMI, FLORIDA

CRIME SCENE SEARCH DETAIL

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DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT Number One on Bob Hope Road Miami, Florida 33136-1133

(305) 545-2400

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METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT

ROUTINE BODY RELEASE CHECK LIST

YES

NO

Dec;d father reportedly lives in a Housing Project in Louisville, Ky, is an alcoholic, has been notified, Per an Aunt, he and,a brother are the only relatives known. Dec'd left a six month baby, that is being cared for locally by acquaintances.

DOCTOR

IS N.C.I.C. UNIDENTIFIED PERSON

ENTRY GUIDE NEEDED?

VES NO

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT

ROUTINE BODY RELEASE CHECK LIST

DATE	FEBRUARY 21, 1989 CHARLES E. TAYLOR M.E.	CASE #89	9-0 323 A
NAM	M - D - Y FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR E OF DECEASED (if known): KIMBERLY STEWART RAC	E BLACKSEX	EMALE
	E OF DEATH: N - A - S - H - MV (UNCLASSIFIED)	YES	NO
1.	BODY HAS BEEN FINGERPRINTED? REMARKS:	<u>YES</u>	
2.	FINGERPRINTS SENT TO POLICE? REMARKS:	YES	
3.	POLICE RESPONSE FOR FINGERPRINT CHECK? REMARKS:	YES	-
4.	BODY HAS BEEN FULLY X-RAYED? REMARKS:		<u>-NO</u>
5.	TEETH X-RAYED AND CHARTED? REMARKS:	CEU <u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
6.	CLOTHING PHOTOGRAPHED? REMARKS:	YES_	_
7.	INQUIRY MADE FOR PERSONAL EFFECTS (POLICE PROPERTY ROOM)? REMARKS:	_ —	<u>NO</u>
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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & REHABILITATIVE SERVICES VITAL STATISTICS

89-323 A

APPLICATION FOR BURIAL-TRANSIT PERMIT

A.	(Type or Print)					
1.	Name of First Deceased	t Middle	Last DA			
		BERLY	STEWART OF DEATH JANUARY 30, 1989			
2.	Place of Death	City, Town or Location	Name of (If neither, give st	reet address)		
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٥.	Name of Medical Certifier JOYE M. CAR:	Physician TPP MD TW Medical Examin	Address ner #1 ON BOB HOPE RD.	Phone Number MIAMI. FL 545-240		
4.	Funeral Home/ N	lame	Address	Phone Number (Area Code)		
_	Direct Disposer MEDICAL I	EXAMINER OFFICE NUMBER ONE O	N BOB HOPE RD., MIAMI,	FL 305-545-2400		
5.	Check a Appro-	The medical certification has been comp this application.	oleted and signed. A completed of	ertificate of death accompanies		
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6.	Funeral Director/ ACTING Direct Disposer	Signature	Fla. Lic. No./Reg. No.	Date Signed		
	Direct Disposer					
B.		BURIAL-TRANSIT	PERMIT	Permit No. 89-027		
-	Permission is hereby granted to	dispose of this body.		Termit 140.		
3	would result from filing within the	for filing the death certificate (exclusive of he normal time limit. If the certificate cannot with the Local Registrar of the County in wh	be filed within this extended time	and granted as undue hardship e limit, a "Funeral Director/Direct		
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	Subregistrar Signature	Jee C. V. MAN	Issued: 2-6-89	Due:		
C.	AUTH	ORIZATION for CREMATION, DIS	SECTION or BURIAL—AT-	-SEA		
	Signatureor	, Medical I	Examiner Date			
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	death is required for all cremat	oval must be obtained before disposal by tions.	any of the above methods. A w	aiting period of 48 hours after		
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D.	F	FOR FUNERAL DIRECTOR/DIREC	T DISPOSER USE ONLY			
1.	Date Burial-Transit Permit (pin	nk copy) was filed with Local Registrar:	Contains the sale			
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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR BURIAL—TRANSIT PERMIT FORM

Section A.

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

- 1. Type or print name of deceased and date of death.
- 2. Indicate place of death: County; City, Town or Location; hospital or institution (if not in hospital or institution, give street address).
- 3. Indicate the name and address of the physician or Medical Examiner who you determine is to provide the medical certification of cause of death
- 4. Indicate name, address, and telephone number of funeral home or direct disposal establishment.
- 5. a. Check if a completed death certificate, including the completed and signed medical certification of cause of death, accompanies the pink copy of the Application for Burial—Transit Permit to the Local Registrar of the County in which death occurred. (If the completed certificate cannot be obtained in sufficient time to be filed with the pink copy of the Application, check 5b.)
 - b. Provide the name of the person contacted in an effort to obtain the name of the physician who is to complete and sign the medical certification portion of the certificate, and the date he/she was contacted. The person contacted must be either the physician or a responsible person whom you determine can speak for him/her.
 - c. Check to indicate if this is a Medical Examiner case. Give the name of the person contacted who verified that the Medical Examiner will complete and sign the medical certification of cause of death and the date contact was made.
- 6. Requires signature of applicant, Florida License/Registration number, and date application signed.

Section B.

BURIAL-TRANSIT PERMIT

Provide permit number. If it is anticipated that the certificate cannot be filed within five days from the date of death, five additional days (exclusive of weekends) may be requested and granted by checking the box provided. If this time frame cannot be met, complete and file a copy of the Funeral Director/Direct Disposer Report with the Local Registrar in the County of death and send a copy to Quality Assurance, Office of Vital Statistics. If no extension of time is requested, check appropriate box.

The Registrar or Subregistrar who grants the Burial—Transit Permit will sign and date the Permit Application. If it is not convenient for the Subregistrar to sign, it will be signed by the Local Registrar or his designee. (The signature of the Subregistrar on the Burial—Transit Permit need not be the same as the Subregistrar signature on the death certificate.) Section 382.006, Florida Statutes, requires that a Burial—Transit Permit be obtained prior to disposition or removal from the State and within five days after death. It shall be mailed or delivered to the Local Registrar of the County in which death occurred within 24 hours after issuance. NOTE: It is not necessary to wait until the Funeral Director/Direct Disposer has custody of the actual body to begin the paperwork.)

Section C.

AUTHORIZATION for CREMATION, DISSECTION or BURIAL-AT-SEA

Approval for cremation/dissection or burial-at-sea must be authorized by the Medical Examiner. Space for his approval signature and date are provided. In addition, space is provided for the name of the person obtaining telephone approval from Medical Examiner and the date such approval was obtained.

(NOTE: DO NOT HOLD UP FILING THE PINK COPY WHILE AWAITING MEDICAL EXAMINER APPROVAL.)

Section D.

FOR FUNERAL DIRECTOR/DIRECT DISPOSER USE ONLY

- 1. Record date the Funeral Director/Direct Disposer filed the pink copy of the Burial-Transit Permit with the Local Registrar of the County in which death occurred.
- 2. If a temporary death certificate was filed with the Local Registrar of the County in which death occurred, record the date in this item.
- 3. Record the date a completed death certificate with a completed and signed certification of cause of death was filed with the Local Registrar of the County in which death occurred.
- 4. Funeral Director/Direct Disposer to record any follow-up activities he/she made himself/herself to obtain and file a completed death certificate with completed and signed medical certification of cause of death.
- 5. Funeral Director/Direct Disposer will complete and file a copy of the Funeral Director/Direct Disposer Report if he/she had difficulty in securing medical certification which prevented the filing of a completed death certificate by the expiration of the five-day extension (exclusive of weekends) as indicated on the Burial—Transit Permit. Record if filed or not filed and, if filed, the date it was filed.



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DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT NUMBER ONE ON BOB HOPE ROAD, MIAMI, FL 33136-1133 (305) 545-2400

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THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida
Name..STEWART, Kimberly..Jan.31,1989..8:45 a.m...Case No. 89-323

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Cocaine Intoxication

OYE M. CARTER, M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner

Date:

JMC:mu

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT Number One on Bob Hope Road, Miami, Florida 33136

TOXICOLOGY REPORT

M.E. CASE NO. 89-0323

SUBSTANCE	SPECIMEN	RESULT
VOLATILES	HEART BLOOD	UNDETECTED
DRUGS	BLADDER WASH	UNDETECTED
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COCAINE	HEART BLOOD	$1.9 { m mg/L}$
COCAINE	TRACHEAL SWABS	DETECTED
COCAINE	SYRINGE	DETECTED
COCAINE	PIPE #1	DETECTED
COCAINE	PIPE #2	DETECTED
METHYLECGONINE	HEART BLOOD	DETECTED
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Joye M. Carter, M.D. Associate Medical Examiner

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OUTPATIENT LABORATORY REPORT

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Blood Services South Fiorida Region

PROCESSING LABORATORY

Anti-HTLV-III
Testing Request

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Explanation of HTLV-III testing results:

Epidemiologic data suggest that acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is caused by a retrovirus that is horizontally transmitted by exposure to semen, saliva, and blood. The retrovirus belongs to the family of human T-cell lymphotropic virus (HTLV) and is designated as HTLV-III. It has been isolated from patients with AIDS, pre-AIDS, and from healthy individuals at risk for AIDS. The ELISA test and the Western Blot assay do not detect the virus, but rather the antibody to the virus.

Specimens which are repeatably reactive for HTLV-III on ELISA and/or positive on Western Blot are considered positive for antibody to the HTLV-III virus by the criteria established for the tests. Repeatably reactive results on ELISA have a high correlation with positive results on Western Blot, although there is not 100% correlation. The relative sensitivities and specificities of the ELISA and Western Blot assay have not been established. The Public Health Service and the American Red Cross Blood Services, South Florida Region have prepared a pamphlet for individuals found to be positive for the antibody. This pamphlet is available on request by calling 326-6663.

Dade Center: 1675 N.W. Ninth Ave., Miami, FL 33136 (305) 326-8888 Broward Center: 2855 S. University Dr., Davie, FL 33328 (305) 472-8888 Monroe Center: 600 White St., Key West, FL 33040 (305) 296-4033 THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida Name..STEWART, Kimberly..Jan.31,1989..8:45 a.m...Case No. 89-323

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of a well developed, muscular, poorly nourished 5 foot 3 inch, 117 pound, adult black female whose appearance is consistent with the midthirties. The scalp is without trauma and covered with a thick crop of black kinky 2 to 3 inch long hair. Dried grass, berry pods, and leaves are in the matted black hair. The irides are brown with equal 2 mm pupil diameters. The conjunctivae are pale and have no petechiae. The mouth nares are lined by intact pink hyperemic mucosa. contains native dentition in a poor state of repair with the right upper lateral incisors absent. The oral mucosa is free of abrasions, contusions, or lacerations. The oral cavity is not The tongue is without evidence of bite marks or Facial hair consists of coarse curly black hair on lacerations. the chin. The neck is straight and has unremarkable external features. The chest is symmetric with a normal anteroposterior The breasts are somewhat pendulous showing evidence diameter. of previous surgical reduction procedures which are well healed, bilateral 8 inch hyperpigmented scars around the inferior border of the breasts. The breasts themselves have no palpable masses. The abdomen is mildly protuberant with prominent linear vertical striae in the lower quadrants. The external genitalia are remarkable for deep invagination of the vaginal wall and a thick pink tan cheesy exudate within the vaginal vault. There are no abrasions, contusions, lacerations or adhesions on the vagina.

The posterior surface of the body is remarkable for a 2-1/4 inch well vertical scar on the right side of the back occurring at 12 inches from the top of the shoulder. The left upper extremity is remarkable for a well healed hyperpigmented curvilnear 3-3/4 inch scar on the posterior surface of the left forearm. The left upper extremity is also remarkable for a 1/2 inch irregular stellate scar on the dorsal surface of the palm. The left and right lower extremity and right upper extremity are remarkable for scattered discoid 1/4 inch in diameter hyperpigmented scars most notable on the shin and the posterior surface of the right forearm.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The reflected scalp has minimal subgaleal blood. The calvarium is intact. The dura is intact. The 1240 gram brain has symmetric cerebral and cerebellar hemispheres covered by mildly congested leptomeninges. The cerebral cortex is free of contusions or lacerations. The brain has good cortical definition, and unremarkable cerebral white matter, basal ganglia, thalami and mammillary bodies. The ventricles are not dilated and contain clear spinal fluid. The cerebellum and pons are free of any internal or external abnormality. The medulla is

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unremarkable externally and internally. The anterior, middle and posterior cranial fossa are intact. The pituitary gland is unremarkable externally and internally. The vessels at the base of the brain are widely patent.

A stepwise neck dissection reveals the strap muscles of the neck to be firm, red-brown, homogeneous and without evidence of injury or disease. The hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage are intact. The thyroid gland is firm, red-brown, homogeneous and has no nodules. The carotid sheaths are intact, bilaterally, with no evidence of injury. Both carotid sheaths are remarkable for lymphadenopathy with red-brown, firm lymph nodes. The pharynx is lined by a brown mildly autolyzed mucosa without evidence of injury. The trachea is lined by a red-brown, mildly autolyzed mucosa and is covered by a thick film of pink brown foam. The cervical vertebral body shows no evidence of injury.

The ribs and sternum are intact. The vertebral column and long bones of the extremities are intact without evidence of injury or trauma.

The pleural cavities contain no measurable fluid. The pericardium and peritoneal cavity contain no measurable fluid.

The 280 gram heart has a normal amount of subepicardial fat. The right dominant coronary circulation is free of atherosclerosis and all coronary vessels are widely patent. The myocardium is firm, red-brown and free of scars. The valve cusps and leaflets are thin, pliable and free of vegetations. The chordae tendineae and papillary muscles are unremarkable. The endocardium is smooth and glistening. The coronary ostia are patent. The aorta is intact with no atherosclerosis. The inferior vena cava is intact and unremarkable. The pulmonary artery arises normally from the right ventricle and is unremarkable.

The right lung and left lung are 640 and 550 grams, respectively. Both lungs have smooth, dark red pleural surfaces, and markedly congested and edematous parenchyma. Frothy edema is palpated in all lobes. Dissection of the bronchial tree reveals no mucus plugs. The bronchi are lined by a brown mucosa without evidence of lesions. The pulmonary arteries are patent, bilaterally. The peribronchial lymph nodes are enlarged with firm, meaty red cut surfaces.

The intact 1500 gram liver has a smooth capsule and a blunt anterior margin. The hepatic parenchyma is red, brown, firm, with normal architecture. The gallbladder is intact and contains approximately 25 ml of thin brown bile. The portahepatic lymph nodes are mildly enlarged. The bile ducts are normal in course and caliber. The 110 gram spleen is intact, has a smooth gray

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capsule, and soft dark red splenic pulp with conspicuous malpighian corpuscles.

The right and left kidneys are 140 and 110 grams, respectively. They have smooth cortical surfaces and firm brown parenchyma with good corticomedullary proportions and definition. The pelvocalyceal systems are intact and unremarkable. The ureters are normal in course and caliber. The urinary bladder contains a scant 2 ml of turbid urine. The pelvis is intact. The cervical os is patulous and has a 1/2 inch erythematous margin which is consistent with chronic cervicitis. The uterine corpus contains a thick pink-tan cheesy exudate. The right ovary has a 3.0 cm paraovarian cyst which contains a clear fluid. The left ovary is unremarkable. The fallopian tubes, bilaterally, contain a pink-tan purulent material.

The esophagus is intact and lined by a smooth gray white mucosa. The stomach has a smooth serosal surface and smooth brown mucosa with normal rugal folds. Gastric contents consist of an estimated 200 ml of tan-brown, partially digested material. The pancreas is autolyzed with a pink-tan lobulated architecture The small and large bowel have smooth serosal surfaces and normal dusky brown autolyzed mucosa. The appendix is in its normal position and is unremarkable. The rectum is unremarkable. The adrenal glands have unremarkable external and internal features.

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Associate Medical Examiner

AUTOPSY FINDINGS:

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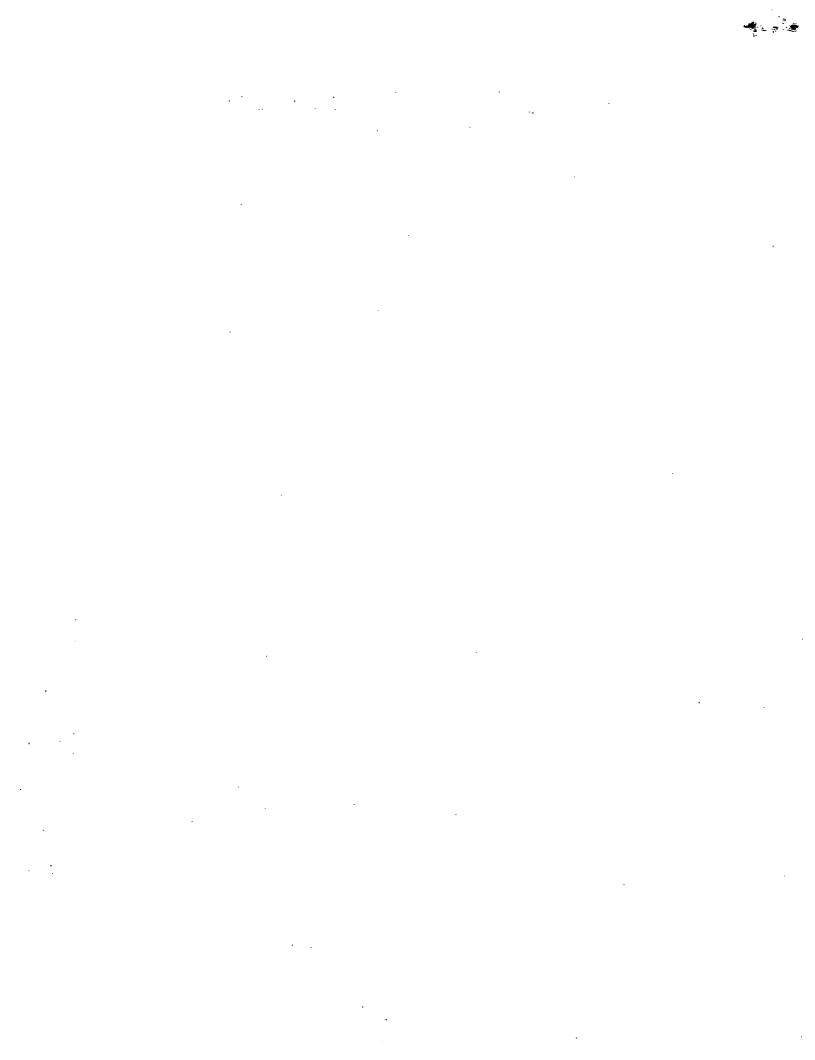
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Cops: Rapist top suspect in murders

But no charges filed in 19 deaths

By DONNA GEHRKE Herald Staff Writer

For the first time, Metro-Dade police confirmed Monday that con-· victed rapist Charles Henry Williams is the main suspect in some of the 19 inner-city murders of Dade women.

However, police still do not have enough evidence to charge Williams with any murders. "We've exhausted all leads," Homicide Bureau Cmdr. Wayne McCarthy said.

"It's not like anyone has left a calling card or footprint or anything like that," he added. "We're making every effort we can."

McCarthy said his investigators are looking at two other suspects. One is suspected of killing the first victim, Tammie Turner, who died in September 1986 while Williams was in jail. The other is a convicted sex offender, but McCarthy said his investigators are not investigating him as intensely as they are Wil-



CHARLES WILLIAMS: Police link him to some of 19 deaths.

liams. He would not disclose those suspects' names.

Investigators have said privately that Williams, 32, is their suspect for all the slayings but Turner's.

McCarthy said Williams "is a main suspect in some of them," adding he could speak only about the 11 cases his agency is investigating. Hialeah and Miami police detectives in charge of the others could not be reached for comment after McCar-

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Cops suspect rapist, lack evidence

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thy's afternoon press conference.

McCarthy said witnesses have linked Williams with four of Metro's victims.

"He knew them or he dated them," McCarthy said. "Or he did drugs with them."

Family and witnesses have also tied Williams to the Miami homicide of Sharmanita Grays, 16, a neighbor of Williams in Overtown.

Since Williams was jailed in early April on two unrelated rape charges, no woman has been found dead like the other victims.

Williams has denied involvement in any of the deaths.

McCarthy said police have not ruled out that some of the victims died accidentally. But he acknowledged that the theory the women died from a lethal combination of sex and cocaine - which has been rejected by Dade Medical Examiner Joseph Davis — is "on the back by one person.

burner."

Davis said Monday it is only a matter of paper work before his office classifies all the women's deaths as homicides. Some of the deaths had remained unclassified for months before Davis led his own in-? vestigation and concluded all 19 victims were murdered.

In some cases, the women had \(\brace \) been clearly asphyxiated, he said. T "You could stand 10 feet away, it's that clear," he added. In others, the bodies were so decomposed that medical examiners couldn't determine an exact cause of death.

McCarthy said his office is waiting Z for a written report from the FBI's Behavioral Profile Bureau in Quantico, Va., which will take weeks to complete.

After a preliminary analysis, the bureau told local investigators that the 18 deaths, excluding Turner's, appear to be similar and committed

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23rd Avenue Police took him into custody after he gave "false information" about his name and was found to be carrying a crack pipe in his pocket, they said.

Within a few hours of his arrest, Williams also was charged with the scribed her assailant, and police man who a month earlier pinned her a meanor. I may be found the said and month earlier pinned her a meanor. In the same area a day later, an milli Today, Williams will be in court

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only four months of that sentence in find the man. da Hernandez was killed with a blunt the stockade. He was released in time for Christmas 1986.

Five months later, he was in trouble again.

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Williams was arrested, but those

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Witnesses were too high on drugs or alcohol to identify him, Watter-

son said. Williams is suspected because he Miami police arrested him in May lived in the neighborhood at 921 1987 after a woman reported she NW. Seventh Ave., the sergeant

Although an autopsy revealed 18 bruises around her neck, medical examiners weren't able to detect March rape and robbery of a prosti- I found Williams in the area. Theids sulttrauma that would lead to Spires' tute. Another victim later identified will However, the aggravated battery of death, Watterson said.

plaints of two women who told po-Records show Williams served Police have never been able to lice Williams raped them in much the same way: He grabbed them. from behind, choked them until they were unconscious and raped them in vacant areas.

Then he threatened to kill them if they told police

Both identified Williams from photo lineups.

Prosecutor Dennis Siegel said Williams faces life in prison if convicted as charged of sexual battery with great force.

Three days before Williams was arrested and jailed without bail, the body of Peggy Gooden, the 17th woman to die mysteriously, was found at 9641 NW 27th Ave.

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Miami homicide Sgt. Thomas Watterson also noted that Williams could not have killed all the women; A friend of the victim scared the because he was in jail when some of the 17 died.

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io "The alleged victims of Charles Henry Williams tell much the same and Three other women died mysteristory: The tall, baby-faced man begins with smiles and small talk, then suddenly turns victous, chokes them and rapes them," according to the profile published Aug. 27, 1986.

"Each time Williams has been arrested," the story continued, "the Pat 2700 NW 87th St. Oct. 27. 1900 30-year-old bus mechanic with a Robin Renee Rolle, 29, was dis 30-year-old bus mechanic with a soft voice and gentle manner offers the same explanation he will bring west 79th Street and 14th Court to court today. All There was no Metro police would not talk about rape. I'm going to beat this? Many of these cases.

"He's very much a professional," said a Miami police detective who investigated one of the cases never prosecuted said in 1986. He knows drugs. Spires was found dead five how to manipulate it. He knows minutes after police noticed she was what he can say and what he can't

Attacker scared off

man off. The victim later told police she thinks she would have been killed if her friend had not been there.

Within a few hours, just three

There were no signs of violence on her body.

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Barbara Ann Black, 25, was found Oct 24 in a front yard at 7310 NW 18th Ave.

Barbara Lattimore was found

covered in an open field at North-

rape. I m going to beat this any of these cases. The day after the article; Williams W. But Miami's Sgt. Watterson said plea-bargained on a sexual assault. Williams was a good suspect. in case to receive a 364-day jail sen-s the death of Anita Spires, who died Jan. 22.5

Watterson said Spires' body was found after police raided an abandoned building for gambling and having sex with a man outside of the

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Authorities still have not ruled out that many of the 17 women may have died from a combination of highs from sex and crack cocaine although Medical Examiner Joseph Davis said last week that the pattern of the women's deaths indicates homicide.

Sex offenders studied

Police have been scanning records to find convicted sexual offenders who raped in the inner city.

Williams fits that description.

A Metro homicide sergeant recently theorized that the women may have suffocated from a penis forced down their mouths.

Forensic dentist Dr. Richard Souviron confirmed he had examined Williams sexual organs about three weeks ago for bite marks and is trying to determine if there is any evidence that links him to the 17 deaths. Souviron and other medical examiners are also looking for signs of trauma or other traces that could determine if the women were slain.

Williams told Dade Stockade Lt. William Smith last Friday that he had been questioned about the

"He was worried about getting

liams until a public defender is appointed to represent him. The public defender's office said Williams should be assigned an attorney to day at the arraignment.

15 Metro detectives chief John Far rell, who has helped direct the investigation into the 17 women's deaths, was out of town and could not be reached for comment Mon-day. But he cautioned late last week that investigators were looking at several suspects and that his agency had no major suspect.

Tonya Folsom, a neighbor of Williams, said he grabbed her in a choke hold and dragged her to a bathroom where he cut her throat with a knife.

As in other cases where Williams had been accused of violence against women, he had been friendly, even offering Folsom some crack co-caine she said in a deposition VIII

They smoked it in her boyfriend's upstairs apartment while he was at work and her baby was asleep in another room.

Williams left, but returned shortly afterward.

I was like surprised to see him, Folsom said in the deposition.

"He grabbed me around the neck."
From behind. I blanked out. The only thing I remember. I was trying to pull his arms but I couldn't."
The next thing she knew she was on the bathroom floor. "I saw the

shadow of the knife, "she testified in the deposition. "I remember him hitting me." I felt when he cut my throat I jumped straight up. "Another man heard the sounds and scared the attacker off Police."

later arrested Williams on attempted second-degree murder charges,

but those charges were dropped.

So were charges brought against him last October by a woman who

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The lieutenant said he could not was walking west on Northwest allow a reporter to interview Wil-80th Street from Seventh Avenue. early Oct. 22 when she heard a male voice say, "Hey, lady, come over here."

As she continued to walk, she heard footsteps behind her. When the victim turned around to see who was behind her, the defendant grabbed the victim from behind, placing her in a choke hold, the report said. The defendant choked the victim until she was unconscious. and then dragged her to nearby bushes."

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Deaths of 19 Prostitutes Pose a Mystery in Mian

By JEFFREY SCHMALZ

Special to The New York Times

MIAMI, June 3 — The circumstances suggest foul play. The bodies of all 19 women were found in the same section of the city in outside areas like fields. or they were behind buildings. Yet medical examiners said they had found no wounds on the bodies, no bruises, no scratches, no needle marks. Nothing,

For months officials here have been debating the deaths, which occurred over the last two and a half years. One assistant medical examiner speculated that the women, who the police say were prostitutes, may have died from the combined stimulation of sex and crack.

This week, Dade County's Medical Examiner, Dr. Joseph H. Davis, issued his formal determination: the women were murdered. He did not address whether the victims had been killed by the same person, but the announce-ment raised the specter of a serial killer preying on local prostitutes.

Dr. Davis said a re-examination of photographs and autopsy reports had revealed that pressure had been applied to the victims' necks or mouths. Aiding the medical examiner in his evaluation was Dr. Richard Souviron, an expert in forensic dentistry whose findings helped convict the serial killer Ted Bundy.

ed Bundy.
"One might question," Dr. Davis wrote, "how such deliberate deaths could occur in the absence of obvious injury patterns that we see in most homicidal strangulations and suffocations. It is not at all difficult to inflict enough neck pressure to result in helplessness and loss of consciousness within seconds."

Dr. Davis acknowledged that the physical evidence of murder was "subtle." And in defense of his finding, he in-



Dr. Joseph H. Davis, Dade County Medical Examiner, who has determined that 19 women found dead in Miami in similar positions and with no signs of violence were murdered.

Are they subtle murders or reactions from sex and crack?

cluded a discourse about how a medical examiner's conclusions were often based not on the body itself but on the circumstances in which it was found.

All the dead women, who ranged in age from 14 years old to 32, were black, except one, who was Hispanic. Most were crack users, the police said. All were found on their backs, with either their dresses pulled up or their pants pulled down; their legs were spread.

"It is my considered conclusion," Dr. Davis wrote, "that the repetitive pat-tern of body position, location and scene circumstances constitutes a reasonable conclusion as to manner of death - homicide."

But rather than create alarm, the Medical Examiner's report has been received warily. The Miami Herald did not even print the article about it on its front page. And police officials, while saying they are investigating the cases as murders, say they are not convinced that the deaths were really homicides.

"We're not discounting that there the highest could be other explanations," said John alone."

Farrell, chief of detectives of Metro-Dade Police Department. "A the motivation of Dr. Davis, I think was under some pressure in press ries to come up with a reason.

Skepticism About Report

Police officers say it is difficult to lieve that at least some of the vict would not have struggled with ti killer. They say serial killers of pro tutes tend to be the most vicious n derers of all, slashing or otherv mutilating their victims, not leav them unscarred.

The police say they have not ab doned the theory that the women c from the combined stimulation of and crack. While they acknowled that the levels of cocaine found in victims were insufficent for an ov dose, they say their experience w crack is that a small amount can duce fatal psychotic fits.

But the police also acknowled holes in the cocaine theory. Two tims had no cocaine in their bod And with the exception of one, deaths have all occurred in the sa area directly north of midtown. If deaths were indeed linked to sex a crack, why would they be limited

that section?

No Comment on Clues

In interviews some leading mediexaminers elsewhere in the count cautioned that while they were i familiar with the specifics of t Miami deaths, they thought Dr. Davi conclusions were plausible. The aminers said they were not seeing rash of similar prostitute deaths their cities and this led them to co clude that the sex-cocaine theory w probably inaccurate.

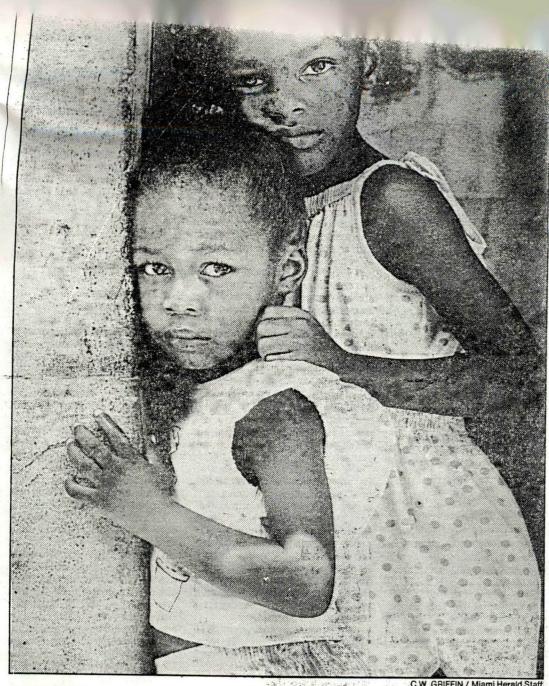
As for there being virtually no sig of trauma on the victims' bodies, Charles Hirsch, the Chief Medical E aminer of New York City, said: "I not unusual for there to be no signs. I perfectly consistent with a sou evaluation of cases like this to consid history and circumstances. Sometim that's about all you have to go on."

The police would not comment what physical evidence had been four at the death scenes - whether, for ϵ ample, they had found hairs from t killer or fingerprints. They have que tioned at least two men but have n brought charges.

Meanwhile, police officers have be warning black prostitutes to be war They say that, in addition to the deaths, crack use has brought about overall increase in brutality again prostitutes.

The prostitutes' reaction has befatalistic.

·Chief Farrell said: "They tell us, you're not a user, you don't understa the high.' They tell us to leave the



LOST THEIR MOTHER: One victim was Barbara Lattimore, who left daughters Shantavia, 3, left, and Shadedra, 6. Now their grandmother is trying to raise them on a meager income.

18 killings leave families struggling with uncertainty

By DONNA GEHRKE Herald Staff Writer.

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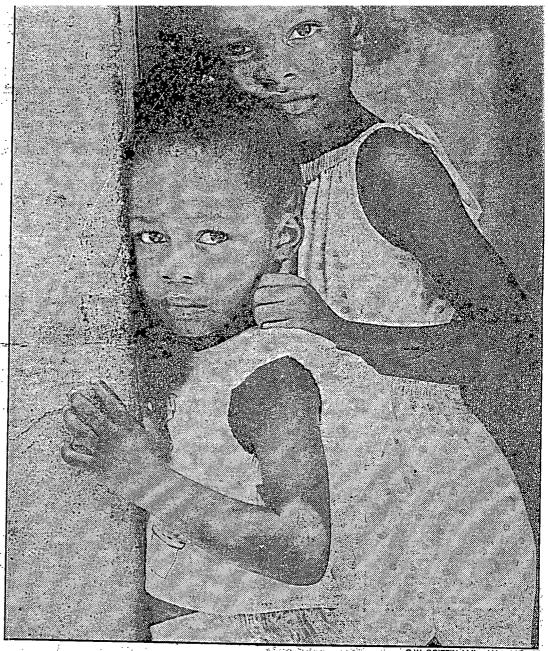
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Homicide victims' families left in limbo

of the Miami operation.

Williams has denied any involvement in the deaths. His lawyer, assistant public defender Steven Potolsky, also said he couldn't talk about the investigation.

Late last month, Dade Medical Examiner Joseph Davis re-examined autopsy reports and photographs of 19 women's bodies and concluded someone had applied pressure to the necks or mouths of many of the victims. He is reclassifying the deaths to homicide - if they hadn't been already.

Police do not believe one of those victims is linked with the 18 others. The September 1986 death of Tammie Turner offers few clues since her body was found decomposed, But investigators said the death scene appears slightly different from the rest. Also, Williams was in jail at the time of her death.

The 18 other victims, all black except for one Hispanic, have been found dead since July 1987 with their skirts pulled up or their pants pulled down. Almost all had their legs spread apart, All were found between downtown Miami and Northwest 102nd Street, except for ...

sure exactly how the women died. --

The uncertainty has added more agony for many of the victims' fami-

The family of Sharmanita Grays had to wait more than a year before Davis reversed an assistant's decision that the teen-ager died from a. dose of sex and cocaine.

When Sharmanita was found dead in April 1988, her family told Miami police they suspected murder. A sister, Harriette Grays, said they even had a suspect - Charles Henry Wil-



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WAITING FOR ANSWERS: Learlean Rahming, mother of victim Antoinette Burns, can't file an insurance claim without a completed death certificate.

one found in Hialeah. Snarmanna nau occu was one found in Hialeah. Snarmanna nau occu was one found in Hialeah. at a Biscayne Boulevard motel. Two witnesses, a motel clerk and the -16-year-old's best friend, backed up the family's story.

"The police never did anything. They never came back," Harriette Grays said. "They act like they don't care. They don't tell my mama anything." anything are to be to

Detective Rodriguez said he could not discuss individual cases, but he defended the city investigations as thorough and aggressive.

Harriette said her family saw Williams roam freely throughout the neighborhood after Sharmanita's death. eath. "He used to walk around here. I

couldn't take it. I just left," she said. Sharmanita was her favorite sis-

er. She had been a junior high cheerleader who dropped out of school

when she joined in with the wrong bunch of girls, Harriette Grays said. "She was shaped nice, she jumped the best of the cheerleaders, she

was a great dancer. She was a pretty black girl. A lot of people liked her, her sister remembered.

The family of victim Barbara "Rabbit" Lattimore also have suffered from waiting.



YOUNGEST VICTIM: Antoinette Burns' death was different.

They still have not received a completed death certificate, eight months after the 22-year-old woman was found dead at a closed drivein movie theater at 2700 NW 87th

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An insurance company is refusing to pay a claim until the cause is listed. That may be weeks more, said the victim's mother, Annie.

"The hardest part is trying to catch up on the funeral," she added. "It cost about \$3,000. Last month, we finished paying it off. But that threw us behind in our rent." - > 5

... She said she also is struggling to

support Lattimore's daughters, ag- a small town in Florida. Her family es 3 and 6, on an \$86-a-month welfare check the government provides for the two girls.

A social worker said the grandmother cannot receive more since she is already receiving a check for another daughter's six children.

Annie Lattimore said she relied on her daughter to help cook meals, clean house and tend the children. Even though her daughter was addicted to crack, she managed to be a great help, the mother added.

Now, she said, "it's hard on me." Like many other parents, she believes her daughter was abducted. She was last seen getting into a car

with a man. Williams pops up in Lattimore's

case as well.

He hung out at the same corner crack den where Lattimore went. said her sister Gail Griffin.

The sister, who called herself a friend of Williams, said he came over a couple of times to their home. She said she didn't know if Williams knew her sister.

Meanwhile, the family of the youngest victim. Antoinette Burns. is also waiting to receive a completed death certificate to collect insurance money. The thirty courses

She was last seen alive last Dec. 11 after she hitched a ride with a neighbor to go to the movies. She was let out near the Scott Projects. The next day, her body was found under a tree 26 blocks north.

vestigating myself," said her mother. Learlean Rahming. "I used to go out every morning from my house to Northwest 62nd Street where she disappeared. I tried to find the guy she knew. If anybody had seen her in the area. But nobody knows noth-

Antoinette was a boy-crazy teenager who was trying to decide what school she wanted to attend, her mother said. Before she returned to her grandmother's Opa-locka home. she had been staying with an aunt in tery.

sent her there because she had beer running with a bad pack of girls. From the start, her family sus-

pected foul play.

For weeks, they stubbornly fought off police and medical examiner's theories that Antoinette, along with many other victims, had died from a dose of crack cocaine

and sex.
"I kept telling them that my child didn't do drugs," said Rahming.
"But no one was listening to me."

"Walking to the bushes to have sex?" added Antoinette's grandmother, Thelma Rahming. "Not Antoinette. That sounds kind of strange."

At the funeral, they noticed that her lips were swollen "like somebody had hit her or something." Learlean said.

They also protested that Antoinette wasn't a convicted prostitute like some of the other victims. Authorities started listening to the family when no cocaine was found in Antoinette.

That was the break some detectives needed to present their own theories that a killer was at work. ...

"It just didn't feel right," said We-solowski, a veteran homicide investigator who leads a team of Metro detectives.

All the women's death scenes many of them including torn clothing and missing shoes - pointed to homicide, he said.

"For a while, I was out there in- "You get certain vibes when you look at different scenes," he said. "It's like when you're approaching a drug suspect who's wearing designer jeans, a beeper and gold jewelry.

You just know."
Last week, both the investigator and Antoinette's mother were interviewed for the nationally syndicated program A Current Affair.

Although they've never met, their hopes, to be spread throughout the nation in the episode, were the same. They want to end the mys-

Coroner: Somebody killed 19 women

y ROSEMARY GOUDREAU

erald Staff Writer On a second look, the Dade Medical Examer's Office has found a common thread in the systerious deaths of 19 young Miami women ver the past 21/2 years - murder.

Medical Examiner Joseph Davis personally -examined autopsy reports and photographs. f the womens' bodies and released a report 'uesday that says someone applied pressure the necks or mouths of many of the victims.

The six-page report does not mention the two unusual theories his department had offered to explain the deaths: that a small amount of cocaine combined with sexual intercourse killed them, or that the women choked to death during oral sex.

The women, all black except for one Hispanic. have been found dead since December 1986 in outside areas of Dade - open fields, behind buildings, in the bushes. All were found lying on their backs with their skirts

pulled up or their pants pulled down, their legs spread apart. All were found between downtown Miami and Northwest 102nd Street, except for one found in Hialeah.

Initially, the medical examiner's office said the bodies showed no sign of trauma - no bruises, no needle marks, no signs of a struggle. Only recently did they suggest the possibility that somebody was killing them.

The Davis report changes that.

"It is my considered conclusion that the re-

petitive pattern of body position, location and scene circumstances constitute a reasonable. conclusion as to manner of death - homicide." Davis wrote.

Only nine of the women's bodies were found soon enough after death to allow detailed studies of the skin, but seven of them showed "subtle evidence" of "carefully ap-

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Examiner: Somebody killed 19 women

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plied neck pressure," Davis wrote.

Four of the nine showed "mild or ! . g moderate pressure to the mouth," he reported.

"It is not at all difficult to inflict enough neck pressure to result in helplessness and loss of conscious- faid. ness within seconds," he wrote. "A". "There's a lot of this we don't unweakened or unsuspecting victim may be fatally incapacitated with litmay be fatally incapacitated with lit-swers," Farrell said. "Davis is say-tle or no residual signs of physical ing, 'It's my feeling this is homicide,

his office Tuesday. "He's not saying that absolutely,"

John Farrell, chief of detectives f the Metro-Dade Police Departs ent, said his department is keep-"an open mind" about the eaths since no specific cause has een rendered. His department has lways investigated the cases as hough they were homicides, he

derstand and we don't have the aninjury."

Davis did not return phone calls to and I'm the boss.'

dence. . . . Anything is possible, but regularly abuse drugs. you're not doing this in some clinical "We certainly don't discount it tosituation where the exact pressure tally at this point in time when we points will be touched. These are live people, streetwise people. We dence of injuries," Farrell said. have still not established a very specific manner of death," he said.

forth by Deputy Dade Medical Examiner Charles Wetli, the combina-

this is the way these women were tion can set off a fatal nervous reackilled. He's talking about subtle evi-tion in run-down people who

don't have other than 'subtle evi-

Still, the department continues to look for people with a history of Farrell isn't ready to dismiss the beating up prostitutes or women theory that a small amount of co- around crack houses, he said. One of caine combined with sexual stimula- the homicide sergeants leaves today tion killed some of the women. Ac-, for the FBI Behavioral Profile bucording to the theory, initially put reau in Quantico, Va. The agency keeps a data base and has behavior analysts who might help investigators figure out the type of killer, or killers, they might be looking for.

Investigators have questioned convicted rapist Charles Henry Williams in with the deaths. Williams, held at the Dade County jail on unrelated rape charges, has a history of choking his victims to unconsciousiness.

"The important thing is that the general public does not seem to be at risk here," said Farrell. "In most of these cases, it's associated with people in the crack-house environment. It doesn't make the death any less a death. It's important. But we don't want to alarm the public at large."

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Deaths of 19 Prostitutes Pose a Mystery in Mian

By JEFFREY SCHMALZ

Special to The New York Times

MIAMI, June 3 — The circumstances suggest foul play. The bodies of all 19 women were found in the same section of the city in outside areas like fields, or they were behind buildings. Yet medical examiners said they had found no wounds on the bodies, no bruises, no scratches, no needle marks. Nothing.

For months officials here have been debating the deaths, which occurred over the last two and a half years. One assistant medical examiner speculated that the women, who the police say were prostitutes, may have died from the combined stimulation of sex and

This week, Dade County's Medical Examiner, Dr. Joseph H. Davis, issued his formal determination: the women were murdered. He did not address whether the victims had been killed by the same person, but the announcement raised the specter of a serial killer preying on local prostitutes.

Dr. Davis said a re-examination of photographs and autopsy reports had revealed that pressure had been applied to the victims' necks or mouths. Aiding the medical examiner in his evaluation was Dr. Richard Souviron, an expert in forensic dentistry whose findings helped convict the serial killer Ted Bundy.

"One might question," Dr. Davis wrote, "how such deliberate deaths could occur in the absence of obvious injury patterns that we see in most homicidal strangulations and suffocations. It is not at all difficult to inflict enough neck pressure to result in helplessness and loss of consciousness within seconds."

Dr. Davis acknowledged that the physical evidence of murder was "subtle." And in defense of his finding, he in-



Dr. Joseph H. Davis, Dade County Medical Examiner, who has determined that 19 women found dead in Miami in similar positions and with no signs of violence were murdered.

Are they subtle murders or reactions from sex and crack?

cluded a discourse about how a medical examiner's conclusions were often based not on the body itself but on the circumstances in which it was found.

All the dead women, who ranged in age from 14 years old to 32, were black, except one, who was Hispanic. Most were crack users, the police said. All were found on their backs, with either their dresses pulled up or their pants pulled down; their legs were spread.

"It is my considered conclusion," Dr. Davis wrote, "that the repetitive pat-tern of body position, location and scene circumstances constitutes a reasonable conclusion as to manner of death - homicide."

But rather than create alarm, the Medical Examiner's report has been received warily. The Miami Herald did not even print the article about it on its front page. And police officials, while saying they are investigating the cases as murders, say they are not convinced that the deaths were really homicides.

"We're not discounting that there could be other explanations," said John alone.

Farrell, chief of detectives of Metro-Dade Police Department. "A the motivation of Dr. Davis, I think was under some pressure in press ries to come up with a reason.

Skepticism About Report

Police officers say it is difficult to lieve that at least some of the victi would not have struggled with th killer. They say serial killers of protutes tend to be the most vicious m derers of all, slashing or otherw mutilating their victims, not leav them unscarred.

The police say they have not ab doned the theory that the women d from the combined stimulation of and crack. While they acknowled that the levels of cocaine found in victims were insufficent for an ov dose, they say their experience w crack is that a small amount can duce fatal psychotic fits.

But the police also acknowled holes in the cocaine theory. Two v tims had no cocaine in their bodi And with the exception of one, t deaths have all occurred in the sar area directly north of midtown. If t deaths were indeed linked to sex a crack, why would they be limited

that section?

No Comment on Clues

In interviews some leading medic examiners elsewhere in the count cautioned that while they were n familiar with the specifics of the Miami deaths, they thought Dr. Davis conclusions were plausible. The e aminers said they were not seeing rash of similar prostitute deaths their cities and this led them to co clude that the sex-cocaine theory wa probably inaccurate.

As for there being virtually no sign of trauma on the victims' bodies, I Charles Hirsch, the Chief Medical E. aminer of New York City, said: "It not unusual for there to be no signs. It perfectly consistent with a soun evaluation of cases like this to conside history and circumstances. Sometime that's about all you have to go on.'

The police would not comment o what physical evidence had been foun at the death scenes - whether, for ex ample, they had found hairs from th killer or fingerprints. They have que tioned at least two men but have no brought charges.

Meanwhile, police officers have bee warning black prostitutes to be war They say that, in addition to the 1 deaths, crack use has brought about a overall increase in brutality agains prostitutes.

The prostitutes' reaction has bee fatalistic.

Chief Farrell said: "They tell us, 'I you're not a user, you don't understand the high.' They tell us to leave then



By DONNA GEHRKE

Herald Staff Writer

Charles Henry Williams, 'already the prime suspect in the slayings of 18 inner-city, women," has been linked to the murder of another: a 20 - ye ar - o'ld who, like three other victims, was seen with him on her last



him on her last day alive. 3 Sandra Jack son, only four

Her body was found the next day in a wooded vacant lot at Northwest

Convicted rapist linked to 19th slaying

Tony Rodriguez, Miami homicide detective. The Adv 14 , 1941

Like many of the 18 other vice tims. Jackson was found nude and asphyxiated in Northwest Dade, lying on her back with her legs spread.

Homicide detectives believe Williams, a baby-faced former maintenance worker, may be responsible for the 19 slayings — and perhaps more - because the methods of murder are strikingly similar.

"We've never had this many that , seemed to fall into a pattern," said Dr. Joseph Davis, Dade's medical examiner.

Williams, 33, has been in the Dade County Jail for the past six months t but has not been charged in any of the murders. He was charged with two counts of rape unrelated to the slayings. Metro and Miami homicide detectives say they don't have enough proof - even though he first murder came under investigation more than a year ago. * cm.

Williams has admitted to police that he knew some of the victims. but he has steadfastly denied killing anyone.

The slayings stopped once Williams was jailed in early April on the rape charges.

The first of the 19 victims - 18 of them black and one Hispanic was found dead in July 1987.

Jackson was victim No. 15. The bodies of four other women were found before Williams was arrested in early April. Miami police did not disclose Jackson's connection to Williams and the other homicide victims until detectives recently gave. depositions in court.

Jackson, a former cook in a sandwich shop, went by the name Sonia A From canvassing Brownsville afbecause she hated her given name. "She was my sweet baby," said her boyfriend Kirk Stevens, the father of her 2-year-old son, also named Kirk.

Like many of the other 18 victims, Jackson was a drug addict "doinvestigators.

desperately trying to break her streets as "Bumper" or "Bump."

crack habit, said Vincent Lawrence, a distant relative who unsuccessfulthing free for her," he said.

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On March 24 a man working in cers "give a damn about street; to their victims usually through sein his yard found Jackson's strangled hookers or prostitutes." McMahon men body next door in an overgrown lot said in a deposition.

Despite Landau's objections, the in the Brownsville neighborhood. A The second victim said she was Dade state attorney's office recent. Her shoes were found nearby. **

In the next 11 days, four more bodies of women were found. Two

field at Northwest 21st Avenue and under control. She couldn't get said. 68th Street. The killer had beaten away from him. The harder she Rodriguez and John Farrell, Met her face, breaking her jaw and teeth.

. A week later, in another vacant lot at Northwest 23rd Avenue and 46th Street, children found the body of Brenda Hernandez, 24, whose chest and neck were battered like " Jackson's. 11: 05

Williams was picked up near the Hernandez murder site by homicide detectives a day after the body was found.

As in Jackson's case, witnesses saw Williams with Hernandez on the." last day of her life.

Jailers later found scratches on Williams' back and fresh bite marks on his penis.

Metro homicide detective Joseph McMahon said Williams readily talked to homicide detectives.

Investigators said Williams told them he had been with some of the victims - but they were alive when he left them.

He said people in the neighborhood who say he is the murderer are picking on him. They didn't like him, Williams complained.

ter the murders, police found at least two women who said they had survived attacks by Williams. The investigators and the alleged victims described the attacks in recent depositions.

One, an admitted prostitute, told ing tricks for crack," her family told McMahon that she had been raped and choked to unconsciousness i Just before her murder, she was. March by a man known on the

McMahon showed her a Polaroid vestigators are now conducting ge-

sooner because she didn't think offi- are usually done to connect rapists

neighborhood on March 18, six days before Jackson's body was found. ""

"She said at first he had grabbed Miami homicide detective Rodriof them had been badly beaten and her in a choke fiold, putting his arm, guez wouldn't talk about the genetic strangled, as Jackson was.

On March 26, the body of Angela detective Frank Castillo said in a deenue that's available to us that can williams, 23, was found in an open position. "She said that he had her assist us in these investigations." he would try to push away, the tighter to chief of detectives, said officers

Meanwhile, police remain closes, solve at least one of these cases."
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The two women pressed rape counting on.

Charges against Williams. He is "Unfortunately, we haven't been scheduled to go to trial Nov. 13. But able to put together anything of sig-

the trial is likely to be postponed in nificance, 'Rodriguez said. It's just for a third time. Prosecutor Dennis' a shame, It's a tragedy. I really feel 'Siegel is planning to be out of the that somebody out there saw or state that week to attend a seminar heard something that could help us

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Dead women had links to rapist

By DONNA GEHRKE Herald Staff Writer

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Where Charles Henry Williams went,

Four were killed near his family home in Overtown. A fifth was a neighbor. Four more died in a North Dade prostitution zone where the tall baby-faced 32-year-old used to wander. Two others were found just outside the area. And two were murdered in a Brownsville neighborhood where he used to smoke

Williams tells police it's coincidence.

Homicide detectives think it's a pattern.
Police say the convicted rapist is a suspect in these 13 slayings and five others, which date back more than two years. They called a press conference 2½ months ago to announce their suspicion. But they haven't yet charged



Convicted rapist Charles Henry Williams, left, says connections to the dead women are a coincidence. Police see a pattern, but they haven't charged Williams with murder.

Williams with murder.

The killings stopped once Williams was jailed last April on two unrelated rape charg-

"He's the best thing we've got," said Metro homicide Sgt. Frank Wesolowski, who

heads his department's investigation into 11 of the deaths. "He is the No. 1 suspect."

In recent weeks, The Herald has found more links to Williams and the deaths. Court records and interviews with police, witnesses and victims' families show:

At least three victims were seen with Williams on the day they died.

■ Two women who pressed the current rape charges against Williams say he tried to choke them to death in Brownsville - the same neighborhood where two victims died. within the same few weeks.

Another woman filed attempted-murder charges against Williams for a choking attack just hours after she had introduced him to one of her friends - who later was found mur-

■ Williams frequented the same places a crack den, a prostitution zone — that several of the victims did.

Williams is scheduled to go to trial next week on the two rape charges. The trial might

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3 victims were seen with rapist the day they died

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be postponed to give Williams' new court-appointed attorney. Howard Landau, a chance to prepare a de-

Landau, who helped win an acquittal for Williams in a 1986 rape trial, won't comment on the case or the homicide investigation. Nor will he allow his client to speak to The

In statements to police, Williams has denied killing the women.

Born in Georgia, he grew up in a neatly kept Overtown townhouse with his mother, brother and sis-

By 1986, he had been accused of seven rapes - including assaults on two 15-year-old schoolgirls - and was profiled in The Herald as a career criminal who knew how to plea bargain and beat the system.

His accusers describe the same modus operandi: He starts with sweet talk and suddenly turns vicious as he chokes his victims unconscious.

Two years ago when Williams was out of jail, young women started dying mysteriously in his Overtown neighborhood. They were found almost nude, their legs spread and no visible trauma.

Miami cops were puzzled. Initial autopsies turned up a new theory later debunked by Medical Examiner Joe Davis --- that the women died because they combined sex and co-friend, Aida Rodriguez, 17.



VICTIM: Brenda Hernandez was seen with Williams the day she was strangled.

caine once too often.

They were well-known in the Overtown neighborhood as heavy crack-users.

So was Williams.

"He'd say, T've got money. Let's get drugs," remembered neighbor Audrey Salles.

One of Williams' teen-age neighbors took him up on the offer in April 1988 - and was found dead hours later, said the victim's best

She said Williams offered her and to Edwards. 16-year-old Sharmanita Grays "some weed" when they went to the Bay Point Motel, 3530 Biscayne Blvd. Later, Rodriguez left her friend with a heavily perspiring, crack-using Williams who wouldn't let her back into the room.

That's the last time Rodriguez saw Grays alive. Her body was found hours later sprawled, legs apart and nearly nude, on a stairwell at the motel.

Rodriguez told Miami homicide investigators her suspicions. Miami police have since refused to discuss

Since then, two other victims were seen with Williams on their last day.

In October 1988, Williams sought zone. sex from prostitute Erica Edwards on the night she died near the hooker zone on Northwest 79th Street. said witness Beverly Gunder James.

She said Williams, identifying himself as "Tony," approached her on Oct. 22, 1988, at the Tropicana Bar, 1057 NW 79th St.

"He came out of the bushes." James said in a telephone interview. "He asked me where I was going, and I said to the bar. He asked if I 'dated' [slang for hooking], and I said no. He asked if I smoked cocaine and I said no. He asked me if I knew anyone who did.

"I said ves — Erica."

She said she then introduced him

"I said, 'Erica, this is Tony. He seems like a nice guy. Be nice to him.' "

The next morning, Edwards' body was discovered in a nearby field. She had been dead for hours.

That same day, James told police, Williams grabbed her from behind and choked her. "He picked me off the ground and put a hook on me and I couldn't spring loose," she said.

"The man was on top of me," she added. "I was on my stomach."

A neighbor saw the attack and scared him off, she said.

Five days later — and after three more women had been found dead in the area - James spotted Williams at a friend's house near the hooker

Metro police arrested him there on attempted second-degree murder charges.

He was released in early December after prosecutors dropped the case. They couldn't find James. She moved to Oklahoma soon after the assault.

Five months later. Williams was seen with victim Brenda Hernandez on the day she was strangled in an open field in Brownsville, police told her mother, Mercedes Hernandez.

The victim had lived just a few blocks from a crack den near J & J Groceries at 2656 NW 46th St. where Williams hung out.

Two other victims, Barbara Ann

Black and Barbara Lattimore, hung sworn statement. out at the same crack den, several witnesses said. "He liked the girls." remembered store owner John Ben-

Williams was arrested at the ac," she testified. crack den when he tried to run from detectives investigating Hernan- liams with rape. dez's murder.

While canvassing the neighborhood for witnesses, detectives ran into a woman who said Williams had raped her in the same neighborhood two weeks earlier.

She said she was initially fooled by his appearance. "A clean-cut guy," she noted.

She agreed to Williams' offer: \$10, two cocaine rocks and half a pound of marijuana for sex. The next thing she knew, he was choking her and forcing her to have sex.

"The man chokes you like he in-He wants to kill you," she said in a placent."

"The look on the guy's face - it totally changed from that nice personality, nice gentleman, hardworking gentleman to a damn mani-

Metro detectives charged Wil-

Within a week, Miami police followed with another rape charge. A woman from Brownsville accused Williams of choking and raping her in March.

Since early April, Williams has been in jail, lately in solitary.

"He's there for his own protection based on his notoriety," said Dade Iail Lt. Iim Wood.

Williams passes his days watching TV or talking to another prisoner — Charlie Street, accused killer of two Metro officers.

Williams has impressed Lt. Wood tends to kill you. It's not a choke with his politeness and quiet dewhere he's playing with you at all. meanor. "He seems calm and com-